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Applicants: Michael E. Leckrone et al. Examiner: Erezo, Darwin P.

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING INTRA-

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AF Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of July 9, 2008.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The listing of claims begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 5 of this paper.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

Request for Extension of Time

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend
the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application as follows:
37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-Extension within first month.
37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2)-Extension within second month.
37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3)-Extension within third month.

Fees Associated with Extension

Payment of the fee for any requested extension is authorized in the above fee section.